

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend Claims 54, 56-58, 60-62, and 64-69 as follows, and cancel Claims 55, 59, and 63.

**54. (Currently Amended)** A method for handset unit communication comprising the steps of:

- a) transmitting data via wireless communication methods to a portable local communication base unit a relatively short distance away;
- b) receiving data via wireless communication methods from a portable local communication base unit a relatively short distance away;
- c) ~~adapting relaying under optional user control~~ said data for data communication to and from the portable local communication base unit ~~or in a manner such that the base unit can relay the data to and from an external wide area network, and~~
- d) ~~communicating wherein~~ said data ~~includes a~~ for computer formatted data use and for bi-directional communication.

**55. (Canceled)**

**56. (Currently Amended)** A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is used as a personal digital assistant (PDA) having functions in addition to handset communication functions.

**57. (Currently Amended)** A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is used as a cellular telephone unit.

**58. (Currently Amended)** A method for handset unit communication recited in Claim 54, in which the handset ~~adapted used to communication-~~ communicate among with multiple handset units or earset units.

**59. (Canceled)**

60. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is ~~adapted~~ used to access the Internet via the portable local communication base unit.

61. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication as recited in Claim 54, in which said handset unit is ~~adapted~~ used to function as a hands free speakerphone-like operation, wherein a user can look at a display screen while speaking has an option to speak toward a microphone located on the handset unit at a distance from the user's mouth substantially larger than a conventional telephone handset.

62. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication comprising the steps of:

- a) ~~communicating~~ adapting the handset unit to a bi-directional wireless communication function functions for wireless local computer data networking with a portable base unit;
- b) transmitting a wireless radio frequency (RF) data to said portable base unit ~~after said adapting the handset unit step~~;
- c) receiving a wireless radio frequency (RF) data from said portable base unit; and
- d) ~~wherein said adapting handset unit to a bi-directional wireless communication function step includes configuring~~ communicating said data for the intended purpose of having the portable base unit relay said data information to and from an external wide area network.

63. (Canceled)

64. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit is used for ~~includes data configured to~~ networking functions with one or more ~~other~~ handset units forming a local area network.

65. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which the said external wide area network is substantially the Internet.

66. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset is ~~adapted~~ used as to an earset unit.

67. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, ~~further comprising in which~~ said handset unit ~~incorporating~~ is used as a wireless cellular radio communication functions telephone unit.

68. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit is ~~adapted~~ used to send and receive e-mail via said external wide area network.

69. (Currently Amended) A method for handset unit communication, as recited in Claim 62, in which said handset unit is used for ~~adapted to~~ voice or audio communication functions.